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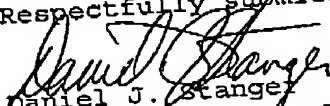
REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.  
Claims 2, 3, 8-14, and 16-23 are pending.

Claims 4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as  
being unpatentable over Gherson et al., U.S. 6,022,747,  
(Gherson) in view of Takeda et al., U.S. 5,540,081 (Takeda).  
These claims have been canceled without prejudice to expedite  
the allowance of the other pending claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the  
Applications respectfully request reconsideration of the  
rejections allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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